

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster, California

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Date: December 9, 2008

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: James R. Williams, Public Works Director

Subject: **Bicycle Transportation Plan 2008**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 08-97**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, adopting the City of Lancaster Bicycle Transportation Plan 2008.

Fiscal Impact:

There are no fiscal impacts through the adoption of the Bicycle Transportation Plan. Adoption of the Plan will allow the City to apply for and be eligible to receive potential grant funds from the Bicycle Transportation Account.

Background:

The Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) provides state funds for city and county projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters. To be eligible for BTA funds, the City must prepare and adopt a Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP) that complies with Streets and Highways Code Section 891.2. The BTP adoption establishes eligibility for five consecutive BTA funding cycles. BTPs adopted in 2008 and submitted with an application for fiscal year 09/10 BTA funding would establish eligibility for state fiscal years 09/10, 10/11, 11/12, 12/13, and 13/14.

Both the City of Lancaster General Plan 2020 and the Metro Bicycle Transportation Strategic Plan (2006) recognize the need to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality by promoting the use of bicycles as an alternative means of transport. The BTP describes the existing and proposed bicycle amenities in the City as well as lists proposed projects the City will implement if grant funds are made available. The proposed BTP establishes a potential demand for bikeways by estimating existing and future daily bicycle trips.

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Attachment:

Resolution No. 08-97
City of Lancaster Bicycle Transportation Plan 2008